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NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR THE UNCOMPENSATED CARE POOL

You are receiving this notice because our records indicate that you are currently eligible for services from the Uncompensated Care Pool (UCP). The Uncompensated Care Pool is now called the Health Safety Net (HSN). The Health Safety Net helps pay for services at hospitals and community health centers in Massachusetts. New laws have changed certain parts of the HSN. Please read below to learn about how these changes may affect you.

Patient Co-payments for Prescription Drugs

- Beginning on March 3, 2008 you may be charged a fee of either \$1 or \$3 for prescription drugs from a hospital pharmacy or a health center pharmacy, if the services are paid for by the Health Safety Net. The \$1 fee applies to generic drug prescriptions, while the \$3 fee applies to brand name drug prescriptions.
- Children will not be charged a fee for any prescriptions paid for by the Health Safety Net.
- You cannot be charged more than a total of \$250 for any of the fees or co-payments listed above, per person in any Health Safety Net fiscal year. Please keep track of your receipts to show if you reach this amount.

HSN and Health Insurance Mandate

Under new laws, all adult residents in Massachusetts age 18 and older must enroll in a health insurance plan if there is one that is considered affordable. If you do not have health insurance this year, you may be subject to penalties on your state tax return. The Health Safety Net is **not** health insurance.

You may be able to afford insurance through the new health insurance program called Commonwealth Choice. You can purchase coverage through this program for you or your family. You may also be able to purchase coverage through this program if your employer offers Commonwealth Choice through its Section 125 plan. A Section 125 plan allows an employee to purchase health insurance through work with pre-tax dollars.

More information about the health insurance plans offered through Commonwealth Choice can be found on the website www.mahealthconnector.org.

Other Insurance

If you already have health insurance, that health insurance must be used first before the Health Safety Net will pay for any services you get at a hospital or community health center.

Questions about HSN

If you have questions about this notice or the Health Safety Net, please call the HSN Customer Service Center toll-free at (877) 910-2100 from 9AM to 5PM Monday through Friday.